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MARGARINE PRODUCTION

May 1940

The Agricultural Marketing Service states that manufacturers of margarine report that 24,356,000 pounds of that product were produced during May 1940. Of this quantity 3,126,000 pounds or 13 percent were manufactured from animal and vegetable oils and 21,230,000 pounds or 87 percent from vegetable and nut oils.

Total production for the month of May 1940 was 1,679,000 pounds heavier than that of May 1939 but 2,650,000 pounds less than the May 5-yr. (1935-39) average.

| Date                               | Animal and     |         | Vegetable and |         | Total   |
|------------------------------------|----------------|---------|---------------|---------|---------|
|                                    | Vegetable Oils |         | Nut Oils      |         |         |
|                                    | Uncolored      | Colored | Uncolored     | Colored |         |
| - Thousand pounds -                |                |         |               |         |         |
| May 1940 .....                     | 3,088          | 38      | 21,101        | 129     | 24,356  |
| May 1939 .....                     | 2,714          | 36      | 19,844        | 83      | 22,677  |
| May 5-yr.<br>average 1935-39 ..... | 3,260          | 95      | 23,562        | 89      | 27,006  |
| - 1940 -                           |                |         |               |         |         |
| January 1940 .....                 | 3,245          | 36      | 25,843        | 113     | 29,237  |
| February 1940 .....                | 3,526          | 52      | 25,582        | 117     | 29,277  |
| March 1940 .....                   | 3,281          | 35      | 23,126        | 103     | 26,545  |
| April 1940 .....                   | 3,920          | 36      | 23,169        | 132     | 27,257  |
| - Yearly Totals -                  |                |         |               |         |         |
| Total 1939 .....                   | 34,492         | 392     | 265,478       | 1,045   | 301,407 |
| Total 1938 .....                   | 38,267         | 500     | 340,300       | 1,026   | 380,093 |
| Total 1937 .....                   | 40,520         | 748     | 349,477       | 955     | 391,500 |
| Total 1936 .....                   | 48,090         | 1,419   | 340,137       | 1,252   | 390,898 |
| Total 1935 .....                   | 46,087         | 1,890   | 329,764       | 936     | 378,677 |
| Total 1934 .....                   | 52,511         | 2,129   | 207,468       | 792     | 262,900 |

